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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
MICHINOBU NAKAMURA ET AL. :
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
(Based on PCT/JP99/02171)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
HYDROLYZED PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, delete the title of the invention in its entirety, and insert therefor:

-- PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PROTEIN HYDROLYZATE--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 7, delete ", after stopping the aeration,".

Claim 6, line 1, after "protein" insert --according to claim 1--.